

BENJAMIN HARRISON

A TIMELINE

THE MAN

Aug. 20, 1833	Born in North Bend, OH.
1847	Attended Farmer's College in Cincinnati, OH.
Aug. 15, 1850	Mother, Elizabeth Irwin Harrison, dies at age 40.
Jan. 1851	Planned to study for ministry, interests turn to law.
Jun. 24, 1852	Graduated from Miami University at Oxford, OH.
Oct. 20, 1853	Married Caroline Scott at Oxford, OH.
Apr. 1854	Moved to Indianapolis to begin law career. Appointed court crier at \$2.50 per day.
Aug. 12, 1854	A son, Russell, born.
Mar. 1855	Formed law partnership with William Wallace.
1857	Elected Deacon of First Presbyterian Church.
Apr. 3, 1858	A daughter, Mary, born.
1861	Elected Elder of First Presbyterian Church, a position held until his death.
Jun. 1861	A third child, a daughter, died at birth.
Jul. 1862	Enlisted and formed Indiana's 70th regiment of the Union Army volunteers.
	Appointed 2nd lieutenant. Promoted to captaincy 13 days later.
Aug. 8, 1862	Made full colonel.
Jul. 20, 1864	Won promise of brigadier's star by Gen. Hooker at the Battle of Peach Tree Creek.
Feb. 23, 1865	Promoted to brevet brigadier general.
Jun. 8, 1865	Discharged from Army.
Feb. - Mar. 1869	Won fame as public prosecutor in the sensational murder case that convicted Nancy Clem.
May 1871	Appointed by Pres. Grant to defend U.S. Government in Milligan case.
	Victory gave Harrison national recognition.
Apr. 1874	William Henry Harrison Miller becomes part of Harrison's law partnership.
Fall - Spring 1874 - 1875	Built and moved to Delaware Street home.
May 26, 1876	Father, John Scott Harrison, dies suddenly.
Jan. 9, 1884	Son, Russell, married May Saunders.
Nov. 5, 1884	Marriage of daughter, Mary, to Robert McKee.
Jun. 19 & 26, 1889	Accepted honorary doctorate of law degrees from Princeton and Miami Universities.
Aug. 22, 1889	Dedicated Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in Indianapolis.
Dec. 1889	Decorated first Christmas tree in the White House for grandchildren.
Jul. - Aug. 1890	Wannamaker cottage in Cape May, NJ, given to Mrs. Harrison from the President.
	Served as summer White House.
Jul. - Sept. 1892	Mrs. Harrison, suffering from tuberculosis, taken to Loon Lake in the Adirondacks.
Oct. 25, 1892	Caroline Harrison died in the White House.
Spring 1894	Delivered a series of law lectures at Stanford University.
Summer 1895	Purchased "Berkeley Lodge" in the Adirondack Mountains.
Winter 1895	Earned income at \$50,000.
Apr. 27, 1896	Married Mary Lord Dimmick.
Feb. 21, 1897	A daughter, Elizabeth, is born.
May 1899	Sailed to Europe to represent Venezuela in a border dispute with British Guiana.
Oct. 1899	Toured Europe before returning home.
May 1900	Toured Yellowstone Park and the Northwest with his family.
Mar. 13, 1901	Died from complications of pneumonia.
Mar. 17, 1901	Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis, IN.